



Springfield Community Church

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Panama City, FL 32401
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Office of the Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

Attention: Disability Rights Office, Room 3-B431

9300 East Hampton Dr.

Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: Petition for exemption from the Closed Captioning Rules

Enclosure (1) Springfield Community Church Supporting Documentation

Springfield Community Church is hereby petitioning an exemption from the Closed Caption requirement for the program "Living Word of Faith" television broadcast aired live on the local WJHG-TV Channel 7 television network.

Closed captioning would result in a significant financial hardship on our Church. Our sole video programming distributor, WJHG-TV, currently has the capability of this service at a yearly cost of approximately \$7,800.00 additional setup fees for closed captioning may also apply.

We have over the last years experienced a decrease in sponsorship of our broadcast as you can see in our enclosure (1) of monies received from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 from sponsors, now places the financial burden of sponsoring our broadcast almost totally on the Church. With our aging congregation, this increase is already challenging us to continue sponsoring the broadcast. We are very proud of our broadcast as we have been a live broadcast for over 64 years. While we are committed to continuing this service to the community, specifically those who have disabilities and are shut-ins and cannot attend a weekly Worship Service, we acknowledge the financial impact our continuance already has on our Church budget. Additional costs we would have to incur to meet closed captioning requirements would require us to make the decision to discontinue this much appreciated broadcast as the financial burden would be too great on our Church.

Springfield Community Church is a non-profit organization that supports all of its extended ministries solely through contributions of its members or contributions from outside the church. Springfield Community Church operates under a tax-exempt status and supports the broadcast "Living Word of Faith" which airs weekly, each Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. on our local NBC affiliate, WJHG-TV Channel



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7 station. This weekly broadcast has been nothing less than a blessing to the community as is expressed to myself and members of our congregation regularly from our viewing audience.

We believe Springfield Community Church's "Living Word of Faith" broadcast being a local live, non-news, non-repeat broadcast should be exempt from to the closed captioning rule. Our program is produced live, locally, and contains a live sermon and music which is not rehearsed and is solely intended for the spiritual benefit of the local public interest.

As shown by the petition and in the attachments, the commission should grant a waiver of the closed captioning requirement. As previously stated, Springfield Community Church would suffer an undue financial hardship as the cost of closed captioning would be excessively high and would have a significant impact on the us as the Petitioner. Because of this significant impact and added expense we are respectfully requesting our petition for a waiver be warranted and granted.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Donnie B. Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reverend Donnie B. Jackson

Pastor, Springfield Community Church

Springfield Community Church
Register QuickReport
July 2011 through June 2012

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount
WJHG TV-7							
Check	7/15/2011	11661	#938972	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(1,950.00)
Check	8/31/2011	11735	#946255	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(2,600.00)
Check	9/30/2011	11816	#972222	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(2,600.00)
Check	10/14/2011	11828	#9992806	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(1,950.00)
Check	10/14/2011	11832	#996965	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(75.00)
Check	11/4/2011	11871		SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(75.00)
Check	11/11/2011	11887		SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(75.00)
Check	11/18/2011	11902		SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(3,250.00)
Check	12/16/2011	11947	Inv # 1031540	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(2,600.00)
Check	2/3/2012	12025	Inv # 1048994	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(2,600.00)
Check	3/31/2012	12124	Inv # 1086992	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(2,600.00)
Check	4/12/2012	12164	Inv # 1068897	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(3,250.00)
Check	6/8/2012	12277	Inv 1103716	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(2,600.00)
Check	6/22/2012	12308	Inv 1121486	SunTrust - Genera...	X	Television Br...	(3,250.00)
Total WJHG TV-7							(29,475.00)
TOTAL							(29,475.00)

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Transaction Detail By Account
July 2011 through June 2012

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
General Fund Income									
Television Sponsors									
Deposit	7/27/2011		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	150.00	150.00
Deposit	9/29/2011		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	300.00	450.00
Deposit	10/3/2011		Deposit	donation Gre...			SunTrust - Ge...	400.00	850.00
Deposit	10/31/2011		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	150.00	1,000.00
Deposit	11/7/2011		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	150.00	1,150.00
Deposit	12/20/2011		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	150.00	1,300.00
Deposit	12/30/2011		Deposit	Arrow Pest			SunTrust - Ge...	200.00	1,500.00
Deposit	1/10/2012		Deposit	donation			SunTrust - Ge...	100.00	1,600.00
Deposit	1/24/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	370.00	1,970.00
Deposit	2/6/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	200.00	2,170.00
Deposit	2/29/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	250.00	2,420.00
Deposit	3/11/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	300.00	2,720.00
Deposit	3/26/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	25.00	2,745.00
Deposit	3/31/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	150.00	2,895.00
Deposit	4/10/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	325.00	3,220.00
Deposit	4/30/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	350.00	3,570.00
Deposit	5/14/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	375.00	3,945.00
Deposit	6/22/2012		Deposit	Deposit			SunTrust - Ge...	575.00	4,520.00
Total Television Sponsors								4,520.00	4,520.00
Total General Fund Income								4,520.00	4,520.00
TOTAL								4,520.00	4,520.00